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Thanks for not approving all of Avista's requested increase in the natural gas rates it charges its customers in northern Idaho. The company did several questionable things in 2001, including entering into some speculative natural gas purchases contracts. As you stated in your decision order, we ratepayers shouldn't have to bear all the costs to cover the subsequent losses the company realized under these contracts.

Avista notably jeopardized its credibility with unwarranted risk taking earlier this decade and, unfortunately, is still compromising its trustworthiness by continuing to ask ratepayers to pick up the tab for its incompetence.

If, as appears likely, Avista appeals your decision order, please stick to your guns and rule against their appeal.

Thanks again for calling them on this and supporting we ratepayers.

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